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**CITY OF SEATTLE
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND LAND USE**

Application Number: 2106712

Applicant Name: Peter Jonas

Address of Proposal: 2415 South Norman Street

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Master Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into six unit lots (unit lot subdivision) with shared interest in adjacent tract for Common Open Space. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the unit lots. The existing townhouses on unit lots A through F were constructed in 1970 with approved permits.

The following approval is required:

Short Subdivision – To divide one parcel into six unit lots (SMC Chapter 23.24).

SEPA DETERMINATION: ☒ Exempt ☐ DNS ☐ MDNS ☐ EIS

☐ DNS with conditions

☐ DNS involving non-exempt grading or demolition or
involving another agency with jurisdiction

BACKGROUND DATA

*Site Location and
Description:*

The subject property is located in South Seattle along South Norman Street between 24th Avenue South and 26th Avenue South. The

surrounding area is predominately occupied by single-family residences as well as some multi-family residences.

Zoning: LDT (Lowrise Duplex/Triplex)

Parcel Size: Approximately 12,750 square feet

Existing Use: The site is currently developed with townhouses.

Surrounding Uses:

North:	Developed with Single residences zoned SF5000
East:	Developed with Single residences zoned SF5000
South:	Developed with Single residences zoned SF5000
West:	Developed with Single and multi-family residences zoned LDT

Proposal Description

Master Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into six unit lots. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the unit lots. The existing townhouses on unit lots A through D were constructed in 1970 and the existing townhouses on unit lots E and F were constructed in 1996.

The following unit lot areas and common open space are approximate:

- Unit Lot A: 2,872 square feet
- Unit Lot B: 2,021 square feet
- Unit Lot C: 1,991 square feet
- Unit Lot D: 2,106 square feet
- Unit Lot E: 2,000 square feet
- Unit Lot F: 2,500 square feet
- Common Open Space: 3,223 sq. ft.
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Vehicular access will be from South Norman Street. The existing townhouses have surface parking for each unit.

Public Comments

The comment period for this proposal ended October 24th, 2002. No written comments were received.

ANALYSIS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to SMC 23.24.40, no short plat shall be approved unless all of the following conditions are found to exist. The findings, which follow, are based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DCLU, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Fire Department, Seattle City Light, and review of the proposal by the Land Use Planner.

1. *Conformance to the applicable Land Use Code provisions;*
2. *Adequacy of access for vehicles, utilities and fire protection, as provided in Section 23.53.005;*
3. *Adequacy of drainage, water supply, and sanitary sewage disposal;*
4. *Whether the public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land;*
5. *Conformance to the applicable provisions of SMC Section 25.09.240, short subdivision and subdivisions in environmentally critical areas;*
6. *Whether the proposal is designed to maximize the retention of existing trees;*
7. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit Lot Subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses, cottage housing, cluster housing or single family housing.*

Based on information provided by the applicant, referral comments from DCLU, Seattle Public Utilities, the Seattle Fire Department, Seattle City Light, and review of the proposal by the Land Use Planner, the following findings are made with respect to the above, cited criteria:

1. *Conformance with Land Use Code Provisions*

The existing parent lot subject to this subdivision conforms to all development standards of the LDT zone. The parent lot configuration complied with applicable codes at the time it was built. The unit lots proposed by this subdivision conform to the standards for unit lot subdivisions (SMC 23.24.045) and other code provisions applicable to unit lot subdivisions.

2. *Adequacy of Access for Vehicles, Utilities and Fire Protection*

Each of the proposed unit lots will have adequate access for vehicles via their respective street frontages along South Norman Street. Each of the proposed lots will have adequate access for utilities and fire protection via South Norman Street as well. Seattle Fire Department has reviewed and approved this proposal for adequacy of access for emergency vehicles. Seattle City Light has required an Overhead and Underground utility easement (Exhibit "B") for this unit lot subdivision.

3. *Adequacy of Drainage, Water Supply, and Sanitary Sewage Disposal*

The City of Seattle serves this area with public storm drainage, domestic water, and sanitary sewer.

The existing structure is connected by means of a single sidesewer to an 8-inch public combined sewer (PS) located within a sewer easement paralleling the easterly property line. The existing structure discharges to the PS. The Drainage Department recommends an easement for the existing sidesewer, “along-the-line as-constructed”, should be included as part of the legal description.

The applicant has provided a Seattle Public Utilities water availability certificate No. 2002-1063.

Therefore, the proposed subdivision provides adequate provisions for water, drainage and sanitary sewer disposal subject to the provisions of necessary easements as noted above.

4. *Service of the Public Use and Interests*

The proposed unit lot subdivision meets the minimum provisions of the Seattle Land Use and Zoning Code. The proposal meets all applicable criteria for approval of a short plat as discussed in this analysis and decision. The public use and interests are served by permitting the proposed division of land.

5. *Conformance with Provisions for Environmentally Critical Areas*

This site is not located in an environmentally critical area.

6. *Tree Retention Criteria*

No trees are likely to be lost as a result of this unit lot subdivision. Therefore, this proposal maximizes the retention of trees.

7. *Conformance to the provisions of Section 23.24.045, Unit Lot Subdivisions, when the short subdivision is for the purpose of creating separate lots of record for the construction and/or transfer of title of townhouses.*

Section 23.24.045 of the Seattle Municipal Code provides that under certain circumstances some types of parcels may be created that do not individually meet the zoning requirements for lot size, setbacks, density, and structure width and depth. These are called unit lot subdivisions and may be permitted as long as the development as a whole meets development standards. However, as a result of this subdivision, development on the individual lots may be non-conforming. To assure that future owners have constructive notice that additional development may be limited due to non-conformities; the following statement shall be required to be included as a note on the final

short subdivision: “The unit lots shown on this site are not separate buildable lots. Additional development on any individual unit lot in this subdivision may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot pursuant to applicable provisions of the Seattle Land Use Code, Chapter 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code.”

DECISION - SHORT SUBDIVISION

The proposed Short Subdivision is **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.**

CONDITIONS - SHORT SUBDIVISION

Prior to Recording

The owner(s) and/or responsible party(s) shall:

1. Have final recording documents prepared by or under the supervision of a Washington State licensed land surveyor. Each lot, parcel, or tract created by the short subdivision shall be surveyed in accordance with appropriate State statutes. The property corners set shall be identified on the plat and encroachments such as side yard easements, fences or structures shall be shown. Lot areas shall be shown on the plat. All existing structures, principal and accessory, shall be shown on the face of the plat and their distances to the proposed property lines dimensioned.
2. Make a note on the final plat map before recording that the unit lot is not a separate buildable lot, and that additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot.
3. Add required Seattle City Light easement to final plat map (Exhibit “A”).
4. Submit the final recording forms for approval and any necessary fees.
5. Add the total square footage, of each of the individual unit lots, on the final plat.
6. Add to legal description an easement for the existing sidesewer, “along-the-line as constructed”.

Signature: (signature on file) Date: May 29, 2003
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